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For:	Prenatal Diagnosis Using Cell-Free Fetal DNA in Amniotic Fluid		

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 1, 2009, entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks are respectfully requested. The deadline for responding to the Office Action without fees was July 1, 2009. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time extending the time for reply up to and including October 1, 2009, is being submitted herewith, along with the extension fee of **\$555.00** for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is being paid via electronic credit card authorization. Applicant therefore submits that the present Response is timely submitted on October 1, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.